



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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Dry Weather Promotes Field Work

With the dry conditions Monday through Friday and showers by the week’s end, Maryland farmers had an average of 6.3 **days suitable for field work** such as cutting hay and harvesting winter wheat. While the rains came in a timely fashion, more moisture is needed to curb the effects of the ninety degree days. **Corn** is progressing with 9 percent of the crop silked, 5 percent ahead of last year, and 2 percent ahead of the five year average. However, the lack of moisture is causing the corn to curl in some areas. Nevertheless, Corn is rated 11 percent in excellent condition, 55 percent good, 27 percent fair, 5 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor. The dry conditions accelerated **soybean** planting with 81 percent planted, 5 percent ahead of last year, and 4 percent ahead of average. Moisture is also needed to germinate the double cropped soybeans following small grains.

The weather last week was ideal for cutting hay. **Alfalfa** hay second cutting, although running one percent behind average, progressed from 29 percent the previous week to 42 percent last week. The third cutting of alfalfa is 15 percent harvested, 12 percent ahead of schedule. All **other hay** second cutting is 30 percent harvested, which is 5 percent ahead of the average.

Scattered showers attempted to offset the impact of arid conditions, but soil moisture surpluses were depleted in many areas. **Topsoil moisture** was rated 1 percent very short, 21 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus, while **subsoil moisture** was 9 percent short, 90 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 2001 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1996-2000
Small Grain Development:				
Barley, harvested	75	40	89	86
Rye, harvested	58	50	60	50
Winter Wheat, harvested	35	14	37	36
Planting Progress:				
Lima Beans	70	55	64	70
Soybeans	81	77	76	77
Sorghum	95	85	87	91
Harvesting Progress:				
Cucumbers	31	10	34	23
Green Peas	95	77	91	92
Lima Beans	7	5	5	1
Potatoes	16	10	18	12
Snap beans	15	11	20	15
Tomatoes	5	- -	4	3
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 2 nd cutting	30	21	34	25
Alfalfa, 2nd cutting	42	29	40	43
Alfalfa, 3 rd cutting	15	- -	4	3

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 2001 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	5	27	55	11
Soybeans	2	5	36	51	6
Sorghum	0	0	85	15	0
Tobacco	0	0	76	21	3
Range & Pasture	1	4	41	37	17

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Precipitation and Departures From Normal, Through June 30, 2001

	June 2001		Since April 1, 2001	
County	Precipitation	Departure From Normal	Accumulated Precipitation	Accumulated Departure
Maryland				
Allegany	4.9	1.6	11.0	0.7
Anne Arundel	3.7	0.1	9.9	-1.2
Baltimore	3.8	-0.1	9.5	-2.5
Calvert	5.2	1.4	10.6	-0.8
Caroline	7.9	4.2	13.8	2.8
Carroll	3.8	-0.2	8.3	-3.4
Cecil	4.6	0.5	11.0	-0.8
Charles	3.8	0.1	10.5	-0.3
Dorchester	8.0	4.4	13.6	2.9
Frederick	3.8	-0.1	8.7	-3.0
Garrett	5.5	1.7	12.5	0.4
Harford	4.9	0.7	11.1	-1.3
Howard	4.9	1.1	9.9	-1.7
Kent	4.7	0.6	10.4	-1.0
Montgomery	6.6	2.8	13.0	2.0
Prince George's	4.3	0.5	11.0	-0.1
Queen Anne's	4.9	1.0	9.8	-1.4
Somerset	2.9	-0.3	8.9	-0.7
St. Mary's	6.4	2.6	11.7	0.4
Talbot	7.5	3.9	12.9	1.7
Washington	4.6	0.9	10.6	0.2
Wicomico	4.4	0.8	8.6	-1.5
Worcester	2.8	-0.6	9.2	-1.9
Delaware				
New Castle	4.6	0.8	13.5	2.2
Kent	7.1	3.3	10.2	-1.1
Sussex	6.7	3.3	11.6	1.1

Source: National Weather Service